

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: jml@spider.lloyd.com (Jim Lockwood)
Subject: 811A mystery
Message-ID: <m0udzvv-001NbWC@spider.lloyd.com>

Gang,

Here is an odd situation I'm seeing with some 811As I just picked up. Tell me, if you can, what's happening.

The short version:

One of three 811As shows anode color at very low values of plate current. The other two behave normally and show no color under normal operating conditions. I want to know why one tube, and only one tube, should be so sensitive.

Other data:

All three tubes are from the same source, which is probably Chinese.

All three tubes are pulls.

All three show signs of having been previously overheated in that their anodes display some disfigurement.

Despite this, all three put out good power (even the one that shows color prematurely) and all three test good on my TV-7.

So what's going on here? Why would one of three tubes, presumably made of the same materials and construction techniques (in fact having the same date code) show anode color at miniscule values of plate current while the other two behave properly???

73,

Jim - km6nk

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>
Subject: Re: A Conundrum/AND A WTB
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9607092134.A16224-01000000@netcom10>

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> my appologies to Don, for having had his name brought up...& my appologies
> to the group....i should have just left it dead in the pile....Jack my
> appologies to you also, for burning up the bandwidth.....

Why apologize. I think that this has been a valuable discussion. It's threads like this that make BA a civilized list. We get a wide variety of inputs, and now we all know where each other stands on the subject.

One example was an item that was offered for sale yesterday -- I think. I asked a question about it, but I have no intention of buying. If an item was offered for sale, but I had a question, like that coil winder you sold while I was on vacation (drat), I'd tell you that I would buy it if the answer to the questions was one way, otherwise pass.

anyway, just my two cents worth.

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "Richard A. George" <wa6jox@rain.org>
Subject: B&K 801 capacitor analyzer
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.94.960710124234.14149A-100000@coyote.rain.org>

Does any one have an operators manual for the above. As always will pay costs for copy or what ever. thanks

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: BOEING377@aol.com
Subject: Re: BA in Popular Novel
Message-ID: <960710175642_234954337@emout09.mail.aol.com>

I read " Snow Falling On Cedars" last night, a currently popular book about a murder trial. One character's USMC WWII exploits are being described and the author has him going ashore from an LCVP with a "TBX" radio on his back weighing about 80 lbs. I don't know what a TBX is. Is this TBX a historically and logistically appropriate BA for a USMC WWII amphibious landing?

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "Andy Howard, WA4KCY" <102452.362@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: BA In Popular Novel
Message-ID: <960710225236_102452.362_DHT84-1@CompuServe.COM>

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>a murder trial. One character's USMC WWII exploits are being described and
>the author has him going ashore from an LCVP with a "TBX" radio on his back
>weighing about 80 lbs. I don't know what a TBX is. Is this TBX a
>historically and logistically appropriate BA for a USMC WWII amphibious
>landing?

Hi Everyone,

Saw part of an old black and white movie today on AMC. It starred Jeff Chandler and Dana Andrews. It involved the Jewish immigration to Palestine after WW-2. The British were of course mandated to govern Palestine and were trying to keep the Jews out. Hard to keep the Jewish people from going back to their homeland after the horrors of WW-2. Anyway the British had landed on the coast trying to capture a group of blockade runners. The British radioman had a BC-611 which of course was of the right vintage for the era.

Problem was in one scene there was a group of Jewish fighters listening to an S-53A Hallicrafters which did not come out until around 1953. Almost as bad as the time I saw a group of American Naval radio operators listening to the Japanese fleet on an ART-13.

Regards,

Andy Howard, WA4KCY

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: Terry Gaiser <gaiser@bak2.lightspeed.net>
Subject: BA Spotted

Just happened to catch the Beatles movie "Help" over the weekend I think on AMC. I hadn't seen this flick for some 20 yrs. at least. Anyhow with my recent interest in all the BA's I could never afford as a kid, this BA jumped out at me...in the science lab of the mad professor, in the corner was what looked like a mint RCA AR-88 receiver complete with case and s meter. I know Europe is where most of these receivers ended up, too bad more of these units are not available here in the US. It has to be one of the best sounding AM BA's ever.

Best to All,

Terry - N6UR

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: rmorgan@us.edu (Robert Morgan)
Subject: BA URLs
Message-ID: <19960710215809906.AAA155@P5-75.us.edu>

After I asked about the "BA home page" on this list, several people asked me to report on the responses I got. Here's what I got:

<http://www.sky.net/~swheaton>

Sheldon's fine homepage of radio related things.

<http://ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu/~post/PIX/BA.HTML>

Richard Post's page of BA pictures and many other BA and related links. The pix are great and sure to bring joy to any BA enthusiast.

<http://www.zynet.com/~johnb/ka1gtt1.htm>

I wasn't able to access this page, but it has a link on Richard Post's page. I'll keep trying.

Bob, K8RBV

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: "Gene S. Katz" <gkatz@motown.lmco.com>
Subject: BAfan at lmco.com
Message-ID: <Chameleon.960710091905.gkatz@pc062164.motown.lmco.com>

Name: Gene Katz
E-mail: gkatz@motown.lmco.com
From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: "Gary H. Harmon, Jr." <gharmon@txdirect.net>
Subject: Book Wanted
Message-ID: <199607100436.XAA00490@legend.txdirect.net>

73, gary

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San Antonio, TX 78239 (210) 657-1549

Turns out cable relacing is very interesting.

Wanted 312-B3
Richard@Sacramento, Ca.

"LINEN LACING
6 CORD
RIGHT TWIST
MIL-T-713"

In checking the McMaster-Carr catalog, I find that they have the stuff

(but at a high price). It is multiply ply pre-waxed linen threads. Waxed finish is mildew resistant. Meets military specification MIL-T-713A. Type N. The 6-cord size is 0.044 inch diameter, has a breaking strength of 40 pounds, and approximately 1800 feet is contained on a "1-pound tube". Their catalog number is 3858T15, price about \$32 per tube. They also have an 8-cord (.051-inch) and 12-cord (.063-inch) variants for the same price. What they *don't* say is whether the stuff has a round or flat cross-section. Has anyone ordered this from them, and is it the "historically correct" stuff? McMaster-Carr: (310) 692-5911

I've also noticed that some field repairs to microphones, headsets, etc. must have resulted in the loss of the metal clip that serves as a strain relief for the PJ-54, PJ-55, PJ-68 plugs. In its place, I've found a very neatly wrapped layer of either brown twine or cable lacing cord. It worked so well for them that I've started using the same technique on my gear. I usually finish up with a coat of radio/tv service cement or polystyrene q-dope on the knot, to prevent unraveling.

If you can't find cable lacing cord at a reasonable price, you might try the sewing thread intended for leather work. Tandy Leather sells white thread in various sizes that works well, once you've run it across a cake of beeswax (also available at Tandy). For the purists, it may be worthwhile to try soaking the white thread in either coffee or tea before waxing. That may help coloration a bit.

If you know of a source of "the right stuff" at a good price, you might post that info to the list.

73.....Ray Mote, W6RIC <rmote@rain.org> Oxnard, CA

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: w5tvw@juno.com (Sandy Blaize)
Subject: Re: Cable lacing cord for MIL BA's
Message-ID: <19960710.094835.8095.0.W5TVW@juno.com>

I have a spool of the old style linen round lacing twine that was so well used in all the old BA gear. Laced many a cables my self! I've had this spool for years! Tandy used to sell a small honeycomb wound spool of heavy linen thread that was waxed already. It should be a very close substitute for cable lacing cord if they still sell it! It was 'replacement' or 'refill' for the lockstitch sewing awl. They sold it two ways: one a small bobbin that fit the lockstich awl and on a bulk roll.

Sandy Blaize, W5TVW
Boat Anchors collected, restored, modified, traded & used!
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Metairie, LA., 70001.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: jproc@worldlinx.com
Subject: Re: Cable lacing cord for MIL BA's
Message-ID: <Chameleon.4.01.2.960710133920.jproc@>

Dear BA'ers,

I am constantantly lacing up new wiring harnesses or re-lacing ones in old equipment. My preference is waxed lacing cord which I get from the Bosun's stores aboard ship. This cord is used for dressing up the ends of hemp rope, is a natural tan colour, and is approximately the same diameter as the existing material of yesteryear. One possible source of this cord would be a marine/boating supply house. The re-laced harness looks very close to the original and I'm pleased with the results. Another source for natural coloured unwaxed cord might be a sewing supply store or a place which sells materials to the shoe repair trade.

If black cord is required, perhaps a fishing store may have what you need. Years ago, I purchased a spool of black (unwaxed) cord, the type that is used to catch larger fish. Not being a fisherman, I'm not sure of the sizes that it comes in, but it might be worth asking. Also, I used this same material to restring dial cords in radios.

Hope these ideas prove fruitful.

Regards,

Jerry Proc
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Radio Restoration Volunteer
HMCS Haida Naval Museum
Toronto Ontario

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: jproc@worldlinx.com

Subject: Canada's Computer Museum
Message-ID: <Chameleon.4.01.2.960709230424.jproc@>

Dear BAer's,

Canada's first computer museum opened its doors on July 7. Although they don't have any BA computers on display, the oldest one is the the IBM360. The Web page, does however, contain info on BA computers. Here are some details:

Web page URL <http://www.sentex.net/~ccmuseum/>

The 1996 season runs July 7 through Aug 23 and will be open Monday to Saturday, 12:00 to 18:00 hours. Sundays 13:00 to 17:00 hours. The exhibition can be seen at:

University Heights High School
108 University Ave.,
Waterloo Ontario

If anyone is visiting Toronto this summer, it might make for an interesting side tour. Waterloo is west of Toronto and approx 1.25 hours driving time.

Regards,

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Jerry Proc VE3FAB  
E-mail: [jproc@worldlinx.com](mailto:jproc@worldlinx.com)  
Radio Restoration Volunteer  
HMCS Haida, Toronto Ontario  
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: Bill Sorsby <bill.sorsby@dlep1.itg.ti.com>
Subject: Conar Radios
Message-ID: <199607102021.PAA20240@dlep1.itg.ti.com>

Greetings,

Does anyone have a Conar radio? These were put out by NRI (National Radio Institute). Moore's transmitter book shows the Conar 400. It seems like there may have been a receiver as well. As a kid I remember the magazine ads which sounded so good I even wanted one.

Regards,
Bill Sorsby, N5BU

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "Andy Howard, WA4KCY" <102452.362@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: Re: Conar Radios
Message-ID: <960710214143_102452.362_DHT87-1@CompuServe.COM>

> Does anyone have a Conar radio? These were put out by NRI (National Radio

I have the Conar receiver. Bought it at the Dalton, Georgia hamfest this past February/. Cute little thing that had been screw drivered to death. Not to mean that it was beat up. It looks just like it came out of the box but the IF's were badly misaligned. Got a manual from Nick England and lined that baby up. Have it on the shelf with my General Electronics novice transmitter.

I intend to buy a transmitter if I ever see one at a hamfest that also looks "new". Anything else would be mis-matched.

I can make a manual copy if you find a receiver and need the manual.

Regards,

Andy Howard, WA4KCY

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: MODSTEPH@ACS.EKU.EDU
Subject: Re: Conar radios
Message-ID: <01I6X2380ES00016A0@ACS.EKU.EDU>

Conar did put out a matching receiver to go with the three-band (80-40-15, I think - novice bands at the time) transmitter (6DQ6 final, I believe). Model 500 or the like - Jim, W8KGI has a set of both, I believe - perhaps more info will be forthcoming. Receiver was also three band, I think, the same bands as the transmitter.

73, A1 N5AIT
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Richmond, Kentucky

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: Bill Sorsby <bill.sorsby@dlep1.itg.ti.com>
Subject: Deals and Such
Message-ID: <199607101545.KAA05769@dlep1.itg.ti.com>

Greetings,

The following is an excerpt from correspondence I sent to another listmember regarding the discussion on "deals".

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It's a positive commentary on BoatAnchors that so many people expect a much higher standard of conduct from listmembers than they expect to receive at a hamfest or from a commercial business.

I've had good experiences with listmembers as well and never a "bad" deal or anything misrepresented. Nevertheless, I allow for the fact that the other party's expectations may be different from mine and accept the fact that until a deal is agreed upon **by both parties**, there is no commitment.

The closest thing to a "bad" deal I've had occurred in response to a recent WTB post I made. I responded to a reply with something like: "OK, your terms are acceptable. Just let me know what you estimate the shipping/handling charges to be and I'll send you a check." I never heard back from the "seller", although he made other posts to the list in the interim and even though I sent him two or three additional inquiries. The complicating factor for me in this deal was that I received a second opportunity to buy the item. After a week waiting on the first "seller", I sent him e-mail to the effect that I was taking the second deal if I didn't hear from him within 24 hours. I never did hear from him..., too bad, since he had the better item. But, life goes on.

Regards,
Bill Sorsby, N5BU

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: Terry Gaiser <gaiser@lightspeed.net>
Subject: Drake TR-4C 4-Sale
Message-ID: <31E41AEB.3D73@bak2.lightspeed.net>

I have a mint TR-4C with AC-4 and MS-4 available.
\$ 300.00 plus shipping.

Thank You,

Terry - N6UR

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: Pete McCollum 09-Jul-1996 1959 -0600 <mccollum@ssdevo.ENET.dec.com>
Subject: Dynakit Stereo 70 tube lineup
Message-ID: <9607100200.AA29334@us3rmc.pa.dec.com>

Hi all,
I have a Dynakit Stereo 70 amp that is missing it's tubes. Can anyone
tell me what they should be?

Thanks in advance,
Pete

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: Jeffrey Herman <jherman@hawaii.edu>
Subject: Eico rigs
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.93.960710094329.2915A-100000@uhunix3>

I'm seeing a lot of Eico rigs being advertised (someone called them
"mini BAS"). We've got QSTs here on campus going back to 1960 -
approximately what years were the Eico rigs being manufactured?
I'd like to look up the advertisements in QST for these radios
and read their specs. I'm fond of the smaller tube rigs.

Jeff KH2PZ / KH6

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: MODSTEPH@ACS.EKU.EDU
Subject: Re: Eico rigs
Message-ID: <01I6X1P9TD8Q0016A0@ACS.EKU.EDU>

Eico put out several kits in late '50's - early '60's. Specifically ham stuff includes Model 720 xmtr (1958): 80 thru 10 bandwitching CW only, 90 watts (input - 6146 in final); capable of 65 watts input phone with external modulator which Eico also put out (Model 730 "Universal Modulator, 1959).. Model 723 CW xmtr (1958), 60 watts input, 6DQ6 final. 80 thru 10 meters bandsitched. Model 722 VFO (1961) physically matched the 723, self-powered 80 thru 10 mtrs.

Main one mentioned here that I have seen is the Model 753 Tri-band transceiver, Eico's only venture (that I know of) into SSB and transceivers (1965). External power supply and spkr (Model 751 spkr/AC pwr supply; 752 Mobile pwr supply). Decent transceiver, but has a tendency to wander a bit on frequency.

I have used all - each does the job within what one would expect for their prices (relatively inexpensive). Note that all were available in both kit and factory-wired form, so it would be a good idea to look at the innards to see which it is, and if from kit, how well it was constructed.

73, Al N5AIT
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "Edward J. Zeranski" <ejz@nosc.mil>
Subject: Elmac Help?????
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19960710175143.006c82ac@marlin.nosc.mil>

A friend of the tube persuasion needs a copy of the schemo or manual for an Elmac PMR-6A receiver and PSR-116 power supply. Will gladly pay for copy and post fees.

Ed Zeranski ejz@marlin.nosc.mil, work
ezeran@cris.com home
Wooden Boats, Tube Receivers, Rusty Old Trucks, The Good Stuff!

This is a private opinion or statement and is nobody's fault but mine. No person, employer, or govt. should try to take credit for it!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: dj@bllac.JPL.NASA.GOV (Dayton Jones)
Subject: Email replies
Message-ID: <199607101511.IAA11841@bllac.jpl.nasa.gov>

Everyone in the current discussion seems to agree that all email relating to buy/sell offers should get a reply of some sort, but it is worth remembering that email is still an imperfect medium (especially when messages travel through commercial/proprietary mail systems in addition to the internet itself). If you do not receive a reply to an email message it is safer to try sending a second message instead of assuming that the person at the other end is ignoring you.

Dayton Jones
(dj@bllac.jpl.nasa.gov)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: Eugene Rippen <soundval@foothill.net>
Subject: first come, competing offers
Message-ID: <31E3230E.6212@foothill.net>

How about the following standard:

1. Any inquiry regarding an item offered for sale short of a clear offer to purchase at a price ALREADY AGREED UPON should be treated as a mere inquiry. This could be further implemented by any response from the potential seller including a statement that "Until I have a definite offer of purchase as to all terms, I will I not hold this item back from sale to anyone". Or better yet include such a reminder in the original offer to sell, from the potential seller.
2. Potential Buyers should not presume that they have a deal, until they receive some confirmation of a deal from the seller.
3. Potential Sellers should not stall responding to offers for too long (24 hours? less time?). If the Seller is waiting for the best offer, why not answer the offers and say just that, with some promise of a more definite answer at a certain time?

These ideas of mine come from my background as an attorney, real estate broker, title company manager, escrow manager, etc. These problems are not too different from real estate dealing and closing problems; except that with real estate if it isn't in writing, its difficult to enforce. We, Hams, in dealings with other Hams are fortunate that most of us presume the other ham's word is good, and we

are
almost always correct and doing so. Its like living in that little town where
people
still leave their front doors unlocked. I would sure like to keep it that way,
and
the best way to do so is to have good, frank communicatios.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: "E.Swain/T.Boyd" <lizboy@io.com>
Subject: Re: first means nothing to some (variation)
Message-ID: <Pine.BSI.3.91.960710071411.3162A-100000@xanadu.io.com>

I have been reading the discussion on this topic, and maybe now is the time to air a related pet peeve. Someone posts a For Sale message to this list. I jump on it, with a firm offer to purchase. I never receive a reply. Now, I know that some stuff results in a flood of mail to the seller, and to reply individually to each person trying to buy the item is probably out of the question. But how about at least a general note to the BA list indicating that the item in question has been sold? I'm sure most members of this list do just that (because I've seen these messsages), but when you're left dangling, well, it's a little disconcerting.

Variation 2: Want list is posted, I respond with items the individual wants, indicating that we might discuss terms. No response. It seems to me that courtesy calls for a response, even of the briefest sort, even if that party has found the wanted item.

As someone said, just my \$.02 worth.

Tom Boyd
lizboy@io.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: MEC <danmec@inet.uni-c.dk>
Subject: Re: first means nothing to some (variation)
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9607101416.A9492-0100000@inet.uni-c.dk>

You are right.

Common courtesy dictates that all mail should have a reply, wether the answer is going one way or the other.

73 rag 0Z8R0

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: "Richard A. George" <wa6jox@rain.org>
Subject: first offer
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.94.960709180629.2772A-100000@coyote.rain.org>

IMHO first with the green gets it! to bad they don't always make good on there offer, and you have stuff setting around for months, that others really wanted.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: "D.D. Todd" <dube3@n-link.com>
Subject: Re: first, means nothing to some....
Message-ID: <31E3CD11.2214@n-link.com>

Bill Sorsby wrote:

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> I don't see that the seller is at all out-of-line here. I believe the rule
> is that the first person to ante up gets the merchandise. After all, the
> seller has no way of knowing how serious you are.

Oh no? Do you not consider a reeasonable question about the item offered to be a serious attempt to lern a little more than was posted before buying. some people try not to buy a "pig in a poke", and the way to do that is to find out more about it.

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> The internet is no different from a hamfest in this regard. If I told a
> seller at a hamfest I was gonna think about a radio and come back in five
> minutes, I wouldn't expect the seller to reserve the radio for me.

This is not an appropriate example. What would be more to the point is a prospective buyer asking the seller whether the radio works or not (or some similar question), and the seller then selling it to the guy beside you because he has the money in his hand.

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> Sometimes you just gotta make quick decisions and take your chances.

Yeah... for those who like to live dangerously, or have money to throw away.

> Only my \$0.02 worth.

A similar thing happened to me with another poster here. Needless to say, his posts are now "burn before reading" here.

Adding my \$.02, that's \$0.04.

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73,

Dube Todd

K4DWW

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If we had to tolerate in others all that we permit in ourselves, life would be completely unbearable.

- Georges Courtelline

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996

From: Bob Duckworth <rmd@ka4ybr.netmha.com>

Subject: first, means nothing to some.... (fwd)

Message-ID: <199607101244.IAA06688@ka4ybr.netmha.com>

If I'm asking a specific price, the first, I'll take it at that price gets it. If someone who really wanted it calls late, I'll give them the buyers email or phone number and they can work it out.

Now for the buying side of things.

I'm at the hamfest.

A guy is negotiating for a piece.

The seller says no, the price is X\$, take it or leave it.

The guy continues trying to negotiate.

There is a big crowd.

The seller says price is firm.

The guy puts it down.

I say sold and whip out my money.

The guy who was negotiating gets all pissed off

and says he was gonna buy it but the seller has my cash in his hand

and I've already picked up the piece.

As a buyer, sure, he was interested, sure, he might have bought it.

But, I was ready to pay the price and he wasn't, and the seller took my money.

Basically you can't win.

Someones always gonna feel like they should have gotten the deal, even you :-)

Just be thankful there are plenty of radios out there.

-bob

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: MEC <danmec@inet.uni-c.dk>
Subject: FS : CRTs
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9607101648.A18249-0100000@inet.uni-c.dk>

I have 2 3DP1 collecting dust. any reasonable offers ?

Shipping costs add 20 dlrs.

73 rag oz8ro

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: rs@ham.island.net
Subject: Geiger Counter Info?
Message-ID: <40VTqD5w165w@ham.island.net>

Hi, everyone.

Someone on one of the other lists I frequent (for antique British Motorcycles) came across a Geiger counter and would like more information on it.

Can anyone here help out? I'll post his question, and if you post to the list or send me e-mail, I'll forward it to him.

Thanks, Bob.

From: MikeTnyc@aol.com

On several occasions, I stopped at yard sales in little towns, where the others headed for the trinkets and I for the tools. At one sale, I found a strange yellow machine with a handle and a dial on top, which the lady said was used to find studs in your walls, but it seemed preposterously overdesigned for such a purpose.

Then, noticing the red "CD" in a white triangle on blue, and the dial's odd calibrations -- 0 to 5 "r/hr" -- I realized this had to be a classic, Cold-War era geiger counter, presumably designed so you'd know when you could

come out of your bomb shelter after the Big One and head off into the sunset on your Triumph.

My question is, what the heck have I got here? This thing is pretty and weird, and in virtually mint condition, so it was definitely worth the \$3 (if only as the bookend to end all bookends). But is it actually rare enough to be valuable, and does it have any current usefulness? The unit runs on one "D" battery, and is marked as follows:

OCD ITEM NO. CDV-715
MODEL NO.1A SER. NO 279518
THE VICTOREEN INSTRUMENT CO.
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Finally, how does this thing work? The "circuit check" setting of the rotating switch causes a full deflection (as it's supposed to), and the zero knob zeros the needle, but the deflection in the four positions ("X100", "X10", "X1", and "X0.1") does not seem to correspond to anything in the environment, but is random, and the needle pins at the last two settings. It is possible that the "ion chamber" in the circuit (so named on the schematic inside) has deteriorated like a capacitor? Does some kind of restoration need to be done? Since an atomic war in the next few weeks is unlikely, do any common objects in the environment have a measurable radiation for calibration purposes, or is this thing designed to measure amounts too large for such fooling around?

Mike Taglieri

Thanks, Bob, VE7HS

rs@ham.island.net

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: John Shriver <jas@shiva.com>
Subject: Re: Geiger Counter Info?
Message-ID: <199607101616.MAA22982@shiva-dev.shiva.com>

Those (CDV-715) are not geiger counters. They don't have a proper geiger-muller tube, just that ionization chamber. They are radiation survey meters. A real geiger counter requires many hundreds of volts of B+, those only have a 22-1/2 V B battery.

If you put the right batteries in it, get it properly zeroed, and then get the meter to move, you are in grave danger. Those units are uselessly insensitive. 5 roentgens/hour will destroy your immune

system mighty fast. (Not to mention 500 r/hr.) Hopefully there is nothing anywhere near you that can move the needle!

The whole Civil Defense system of the 1950's and 1960's was a public relations pallative to make us love the bomb and hate the Russians. The crackers in the shelters were of absolutely no nutritive value. (If they had any, the rats would chew their way in and eat them.) The radiation survey meters just let you know how fast you would die.

There are real Civil Defense gieger counters. The scale is in milli-roentgens/hour. The geiger-muller tube is in a seperate steel canister that clips onto the handle. They are much rarer than the survey meters. Any pottery with a Uranium glaze will make them tick. Cinderblocks made in the 1950's (open-air testing era) will make them tick.

John Shriver

(Whose house came with a souveneir of the Cuban Missle Crisis: a fallout shelter with all the period literature.)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996

From: Paul Bernhardt <bern@ppdu.nrl.navy.mil>

Subject: Going to England

Message-ID: <Pine.A32.3.91.960710100937.25378A-1000000@ppdu.nrl.navy.mil>

To All International BA Experts:

I will be in England from 14 to 23 July. I will mainly be in Farnsbourgh, Birmingham, and London. Are there any BoatAnchor markets that I should visit?

Cheers, Paul Bernhardt, KF4FOR

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996

From: jconдон@nrao.edu (Jim Condon)

Subject: Heath clock

Message-ID: <9607101458.AA29240@polaris.cv.nrao.edu>

I just called Heath at 1-800-253-0570, and the operator told me that they no longer carry the "Most Accurate Clock II". If anyone has a "Most Accurate Clock" for sale, any version, please contact me.

Jim Condon, AD4YM

jconдон@nrao.edu

(804) 296-0322

Charlottesville, VA

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: steve@hi.com (Steve Byan)
Subject: Hickock MW/SW AC/DC/battery set?
Message-ID: <9607102058.AA10702@loki.hi.com>

(A copy of this message has also been posted to the following newsgroups:
rec.antiques.radio+phono)

I vaguely remember dismembering one of my Dad's radios in my youth. I stocked my junkbox by gutting old TV's and the like. Dad had a radio stored away in the basement that hadn't worked as far as I could remember. He was always "going to fix it someday". One day I took it into my head that he wasn't ever going to get around to fixing it.

"Dad, you know that old radio down in the basement? Can I take it apart for my junkbox?" I ask, not really expecting to hear a "yes".

Dad's reading the newspaper, or otherwise occupied. "Sure son", he replies. I high-tail it down the basement stairs before he changes his mind, and spend happy hours with the soldering iron, long-nose pliers, and wire-cutters dismembering the poor puppy.

Needless to say, when I asked his permission Dad didn't think I meant THAT radio.

The only surviving part is the signal strength meter. It was made by GE, is round and about 2 inches in diameter, black bezel and face, white scale with (undoubtedly radioactive) phosphorescence paint on the needle and major scale divisions.

This occurred in 1964, so the radio must have been older than that. I'd guess late 50's or early 60's. I think it used miniature tubes. I believe the set was AC/DC/battery. It was a portable, with a built-in whip antenna on the rear right-hand side - about like a National NC-66. I think it had a round or square clock-face dial rather than a slide-rule dial. I believe the case was originally gold hammertone, although my Dad painted it red at some point. I can't recall the name of the manufacturer, but I have some vague notion that it might have been Hickock. I'm not sure it covered MW; I'm sure it covered some SW bands.

Does anyone have any guesses as to who made this receiver and what model it may have been?

TIA,
-Steve

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "James P. Rybak" <jrybak@mesa5.Mesa.Colorado.EDU>
Subject: How Much for an NC-100XA
Message-ID: <Pine.SV4.3.91.960710153912.24262A-100000@mesa5.mesa.colorado.edu>

Can anyone tell me what is the approximate going price for a National
NC-100XA receiver with speaker in excellent condition?

Thanks.

Jim WOKSD

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: "Benjamin D. Hall" <bdhall@ghgcorp.com>
Subject: How to get liscensed? and NCX-5, comments?
Message-ID: <31E32422.2237@ghgcorp.com>

Hello Folks...

Well, I have finally decided that I'd like to join the ham ranks and
work my way up to getting some toob transmitters to keep the tube
receivers happy. (They seem to be getting cranky without any
transmitter friends) Can anyone point (by private e-mail, PLEASE) me in
the right direction? I imagine I'd have the electrical knowledge to
pass the no-code liscense without much problem, but will have to work on
the code to get onto HF.

What do y'all think of the NCX-5? I might have an opportunity to pick
one up in working condition needing TLC for \$125 plus shipping. Would
this make a good starter x-mitter?

Thanks and 73,
Ben

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+ Benjamin D. Hall, Houston Texas +
+ BDHall@GHGCorp.com BHall@GP802.JSC.NASA.gov +
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: knudsen@gvmail.ih.lucent.com
Subject: re HQ clock faces, S-meters
Message-ID: <9607101814.AA17764@bock.ih.lucent.com>

If anyone had some spare HQ clock cover plastics, they'd have sold them all by now on this List -- at least one to me!

We got a project started to make new repros -- time to check up on that and see how it's going. I have an email list of folks who would buy some.

Jerry's idea of blister pack occurred to me a few months back too, and I've even bought a few drawer knobs and other random \$2 items just to bring home the pack. So far, wouldn't ya know, everything is just a little too small or too big. But keep looking -- maybe the sizes are a little different in Canada.

As for S-meters and dials getting discolored from pilot lights -- a little pinball wisdom here -- use #47 lamps (150 mA at 6V), not #44 (250 mA) or the even hotter, spherical #51. There's a little #51 that's even less power than the #47.

BTW, anyone know a source for 24-V bayonet lamps, same size/shape as a #47? I figure the mil surplus gear must use a few in the older stuff before they went to the really tiny bulbs. Mazzco have 'em?

73, mike k aa9rg

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: integrat@usr.com
Subject: Indicator lamp lenses wanted
Message-ID: <1E2E0840.@usr.com>

I need a bunch of Navy type indicator lamp lenses.

These are a bit unusual, in that they are made of single pieces of threaded molded glass, shaped somewhat like bullets. They have no metal bits at all. They are about 3/4 inch in diameter, and the molded threads are just a bit smaller than those on a regular household lightbulb. Ones made by GE are a little over an inch long and are smooth, and ones made for Westinghouse are a bit longer and have facets.

These used to be found in just about every big Navy rig, like TBKs, TBLs, and TCKs, but seem to have gone away over the years. I can use

just about any color (red, blue, green, amber, white, and clear are the ones I know about; right now I am not sure which ones I will actually need). Cracked and chipped ones are fine.

I am also still looking for any of those Navy curved meter tags (the ones that fit right below round meters).

William Donzelli
integrat@usr.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: Bill Meara <w.meara@server1.codetel.net.do>
Subject: Last chance for HI8 BA QSO!
Message-ID: <9607101146.AA23344@server1.codetel.net.do>

After four years of happy boatanchoring in the Dominican Republic, Uncle Sam is calling me back to Washington D.C. :-(I'll be QRT here in about 10 days. Most of the BA's are already in boxes, but my trusty HT-37/2B combo is still connected to a 20 meter dipole. I'd really like to work some of the esteemed Anchorologists from the list.

I'm on the air most every day in the morning (0930 - 1100 UTC) and in the evening (2130 - 2230 UTC) I've been hanging around 14.030. Please listen for me and give me a call!

BTW, I got into Boatanchors without realizing that I was doing something "different": My old gear had followed me around to many foreign posts, but I didn't get back on the air until 1992. I dusted off the HT-37 and the 2B and started making contacts. It took me while to realize that my rig had become somewhat "unusual." I felt like Rip Van Winkle!

Looking forward to hearing from fellow heavy metal fans....

73 De N2CQR/HI8

Bill Meara

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

w.meara@codetel.net.do or

74537.1100@compuserve.com (After 20 July)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: MODSTEPH@ACS.EKU.EDU
Subject: Link coupling and loading?
Message-ID: <01I6VTP22S7M000RW4@ACS.EKU.EDU>

...so I have the Lettine 240 I have been fussing with too

(now that the NC-125 and Drake 2B problems are solved for the moment). The Lettine uses plug-in coils, so final output is link coupled off a tuned circuit (with both tuned circuit and link on same plug-in frame: type JEL).

Now how do I load the thing heavier than it currently is? Huge dip, 20 watts output, but should be able to load it up to 30 out, on of course no "LOAD" capacitor since not a pi-net output. I have tuned for max out, but this means detuning the final a bit, something I prefer not to do...

Is the only way cranking on more turns on the link?

Next repair project is a Harvey-Wells Bandmaster. In the proper Holmesian fashion, I guess this is "The Adventure of the Missing Grid Drive.) 8-)

73, Al N5AIT
modsteph@acs.eku.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "F r6fqHo!ht" <75121.100@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: Litz wire on large coil
Message-ID: <960711013716_75121.100_FHI31-3@CompuServe.COM>

HI Gang!

The other day when I picked up my additional BAs, I noticed on the top shelf of my friends closet, a large coil, 15" diameter and 4' long. It had a pivot mechanism built into it 2/3 of the way from one end. There was another smaller coil, same diameter, only about 15" long. It also had a pivot mechanism. It is almost like they were mounted in close proximity and they could be "coupled" by rotation. The wire on these was, I was told, Litz wire and it was close to 1/8" in diameter wire.

First: What would these coils be for? (I think they came from Lualualae NAVCOMSTA) AND

Second: What is Litz wire and what is its redeeming quality? More inductance per circular mil area perhaps?

I noticed in a past message, I think from Andy, and he mentioned that he soldered his transformer wires back on and he made to get all the strands resoldered.(and then he thanked Hank!) I'm sure he meant Hank Van Cleef, knower of all!!

Regards from Hawaii,
Raymond J. Cote

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "Gene S. Katz" <gkatz@motown.lmco.com>
Subject: lmco.com address
Message-ID: <Chameleon.960710133857.gkatz@pc062164.motown.lmco.com>

Name: Gene Katz
E-mail: gkatz@motown.lmco.com
From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: dfrancis@usa.net (Dexter Francis)
Subject: Loctals R' US...
Message-ID: <v01520d1aae0877021daa@[192.156.196.124]>

Greetings all-

Here's a bunch of Loctals which may be of interest.
They are available both NOS and used. (Used are all
tested and Gm #'s are available.)

If you see something here you need, don't hesitate to ask.

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1LC6
1LD5
1LN5
5AZ4
7A4
7A7
7AF7
7B6
7B7
7B8
7C5
7C6
7C7
7E6
7F7
7F8
7G7
7H7
7N7
7Q7

7S7
7V7
7X6
7X7
7Y4
7Z4
14A4
14A5
14B6
14Q7
28D7W
35A5
35Y4
50A5
50X6
1203A
1291
1299

also...

FM1000 (Untested)
XXL (Untested)

CWest Tube Sales
[formerly Quest Electronics]
2945 Blodgett Drive
(P.O. Box 49085)
Colorado Springs, Co. 80919
Voice/Fax (719) 260-5513

BUY - SELL - TRADE
"Have Tubes - Will Haggle"

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "Jim Berry" <basalop@eskimo.com>
Subject: Model 33 manual update
Message-ID: <199607102032.NAA18713@mail.eskimo.com>

Hello BA fans,

I was very surprised to receive 5 requests for the Model 33 manuals I have. I will put your names in a hat and the lucky winner will get the manuals. I do not know what else to do. There is a hitch to deal now. The winner of the manuals is going to have to share

information with the other 4 fellas. I also am going to be on the lookout for any more manuals. I really did not know there was going to be any interest in them at all.

73 Jim, shaking the hat ...

Jim Berry K7SLI. QTH: Marysville, Wa (Near Seattle)

Email: basalop@eskimo.com FAX: 360-659-1360

Ham Digital: K7SLI @ K7SLI.#NWWA.WA.USA.NA

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996

From: don merz <71333.144@CompuServe.COM>

Subject: NC-183D WANTED!

Message-ID: <960710194703_71333.144_DHB76-2@CompuServe.COM>

Who had the near-mint NC-183D for sale?

I have a buyer for you...

Thanks.

Don, N3RHT

71333.144@compuserve.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996

From: Gordon Smith <glsmith@holli.com>

Subject: one-of-a-kind Collins gear

Message-ID: <199607100312.WAA25466@walnut.>

Nice post by K0AL on the Collins oddity. Now for the \$64,000 question: can you go back to this fine gentleman and get pictures of these rigs, and post them on one of the boatanchors web sites? I'd make a special trip to Cedar Rapids to see that gear. When I was a teen-ager in Sterling, Il.

I would go to Collins Radio for tours every now and then. I saw the "production line" at Art Collins old home for KWM-2's, 75S-1's, 32S-1's, etc. back in the mid 1960's. Man oh man do I wish I knew then what I know now when we visited the Collins surplus store!!!!!!

When we visited the commercial operation it was mighty impressive to see the guys tuning KWM-2's behind glass walls. They had a telephone rotary set to "dial-up" which antennas from the huge farm to use (and at what stateside location) and which amp to use in order to communicate with the "fleet". Oh, the good old days.

What say, K0AL?

73 de Gordon WA9SLU

Kokomo, IN.

glsmith@holli.com

WA9SLU WPE9IJX 1983 Honda GL650 Silverwing

Regards from the "Silicon Flood Plain" (tm) of Kokomo, In.

(home of Delco Electronics and the "Steer and the Stump"

ask me if you want more info :))

glsmith@holli.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996

From: jmiller@teleteam.net (Jay H. Miller)

Subject: Re: One-of-a-kind Collins gear and MORE

Message-ID: <v01510101ae088b545e82@[199.34.24.6]>

>Nice post by KOAL on the Collins oddity. Now for the \$64,000 question:
>can you go back to this fine gentleman and get pictures of these rigs, and
>post them on one of the boatanchors web sites? I'd make a special trip to
>Cedar Rapids to see that gear.

These radios and others will be on display at the Collins Collectors
Association Cedar Rapids meeting August 9, 10 and 11.

Meeting headquarters for the CCA is the Longbranch Hotel in Cedar Rapids.
The gathering starts poolside on Friday night. On Saturday we will tour the
Collins Antenna Farm and CommCentral complex and then have a VIP tour of
the new Art Collins exhibit at the Linn County History Center. Back at the
hotel there will be programs on Collins restoration, films and videotapes
and displays of all types of Collins gear. Saturday evening is a dinner and
a speaker from the golden days of Collins Radio. Sunday we will take in the
Cedar Valley ARC hamfest.

If anyone on the BA list would like more particulars, please make private
post and I'll send you the info. You do not have to be a member of the CCA
to attend.

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Jay H. Miller, KK5IM Dallas, Texas

The Pocket Guide to Collins Amateur Radio Equipment

jmiller@teleteam.net

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996

From: John P Russo <jprusso@ACSU.Buffalo.EDU>

Subject: R 1051B Mil Receiver

Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.3.93.960710080808.11310B-1000000@orichalc.acsu.buffalo.edu>

Hi gang, recently dragged home a sick R 1051B shipboard type receiver, with tech manual Vol I. I believe the problem is in the RF amp section, no gain thru the fist amp, tube checks good. Well this RF section is in a tight module, bomb proof, won't be easy to check out. Unit was built by General Dynamics, I think. Fair Radio may stock spare parts.

Why do I buy these things ??????

Do we have any 1051 experts who have worked on these monsters ?

Why seperate audio outs for LSB and USB ?

Are these receivers considered to be good performers ?

Any comments, tips, suggestions would be appreciated.

Tnx de John Russo KF2JQ jprusso@acsu.buffalo.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: dma@IslandNet.com (Jan Skirrow)
Subject: R390, R390A Info Compilations on the Web
Message-ID: <m0ue7Gs-000VwAC@comm.amtsgi.bc.ca>

Hi Gang ...

As a result of my offer to post copies of these compilations, I've sent out a <<lot>> of copies! Most seemed to get through and be usable, but some did not. But then that problem of transferring files between incompatible computer systems is, I guess, why HTML and the WWW was invented. So ...

My two compilations are now on a web site and can be downloaded and printed or saved.

The URL is <http://www.islandnet.com/~dma/Boatanchors/>

Note the capital "B"

I'd appreciate feedback from anyone who accesses these. I'm very much a novice with HTML and it's all good learning.

Also, if anyone has a small graphic of an R390 or R390A, I'd like to get it and add it to the page. If anyone has suggestions for other items that might be useful to add, let me know. There's lots of stuff available as text files

for downloading, I know, but I find it a lot easier to use stuff that's formatted and printable. Thus I'm prepared to do some work to get the most useful stuff into this form.

BTW, if anyone objects to my titling the page "Boatanchors" I'll change it to something else. It was just what came to mind when I put the page together, but it does kind of belong to Jack and this list.

Jan Skirrow, VE7DJX
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: Kevin McDonald <kevin.mcdonald@tivoli.com>
Subject: RAO info - Warning shipping Nationals
Message-ID: <31E42A6B.399A@tivoli.com>

I recently bought a National RAO-???
This is an NC-100XA with an additional RF section mounted to the back of the unit. The frequency coverage is about 300 Khz - 18 Mhz minus the broadcast band. It uses an additional 6K7 for the second RF and the push pull audio is replaced by a single 6?6. I think this unit has a 1500 KC IF as 455 is covered by the lowest band. My best information is from Moore's book and nothing matches exactly. Does anybody have info on these units? Schematic? this is the second time through BA's for this unit.
(once by previous owner without a consensus)
Sorry to eat band width twice.

Warning!
These Nationals use giant moving catacombs for the coils sets. Mine has an extra catacomb for the extra RF section. Do not ship or have the rig shipped without freezing the catacomb in position.
Gravity will slam the catacomb back and forth as the box is rotated - bad news!

73's
Kevin N50JF
kevin.mcdonald@tivoli.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: Norm Flasch <flasch@cushy.eecs.nwu.edu>
Subject: Re: re HQ clock faces, S-meters
Message-ID: <199607102133.QAA08342@cushy.eecs.nwu.edu>

Isn't there an outfit that will reproduce antique radio dial lenses?
I recall them at one of the Elgin swap meets. Maybe they advertise
in Antique Radio Classified. Seems to me the cost was \$15.00 ea. You
send them your old dial lense and they use it to make the reproduction.
A clock cover should be easy for them.

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: KA9EGW@aol.com
Subject: Re: Re: Conar Adios
Message-ID: <960710192626_431541838@emout14.mail.aol.com>

a few months back, Electric Radio did a review on both the Conar Twins.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: aa4rm%amos@mathcs.emory.edu (AA4RM's)
Subject: REEEEEHHCH: Link coupling and loading
Message-ID: <9607101458.AA06690@amos>

Well Al 'scusa moi for the impersonal note where the entire reflector
gets hosed.

I've got 2 running link coupled beauties like ur Letrine. One a Stancor
(YESSS) 69, the other a p-p UX210 Hartley AWA 'instrument.'

I have a Thordarson (ODEEEEN?) and a M&H MHT150 that're dead & fall into
the same category.

Rather than putz with swinging links (great band name), series reactances,
or chinchilla farming - I just put an antenna tuner in-line. So u then
xfrm impedances to just the point the TX output ckt. wants for
the desired load. It's universal since your stock example B&W JEL can
work with any antenna.

It's the best.

Marty

- Who's still hoping someone has Sams TR24 for my Uher 4000
Report-S
- Same Atlanta guy in 'inner ring' who'll be doing BA

sittings throughout all venues (whatever happened to the word 'events'?)

Expect greatest opportunities to fall in "Unbridled Mendacity" activity of Equestrian venue!

So down-home, those Olympic sports... and on that note Olympic golf was rejected 'cause Olympic stickball was never suggested!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: mirage!pamars@Simba.AGN.NET (P.A.Marshall)
Subject: Re: Selling via the 'net, was "first..."
Message-ID: <9607101434.AA26893@mirage>

D.D. Todd writes:

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> Bill Sorsby wrote:
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> > I don't see that the seller is at all out-of-line here. I believe the rule
> > is that the first person to ante up gets the merchandise. After all, the
> > seller has no way of knowing how serious you are.
>
> Oh no? Do you not consider a reeasonable question about the item offered
> to be a serious attempt to lern a little more than was posted before buying.
> some people try not to buy a "pig in a poke", and the way to do that is to
> find out more about it.

The seller has the *right* to do what ever he/she wants, no one except the state can force you to sell (in theory any way), but there are manners and practice to consider. When you have a well described item with a set price, a request to "hold" in your first contact seems reasable. But IMO, when the discription is lacking and/or the price not stated I strongly (you may have noticed) feel a little differant track needs to be taken. I don't like to tell some one I'll buy something when I don't know most of the details of the transaction (I'm not of the "if you have to ask you can't afford it school"), even if it may be true that the seller can't force me to buy, it's bad manners on my part to back out of a deal. (As some of you know I am not w/o sin in this area, but I do consider it bad manners on my part as well) In this case it seems to me that stacking all requests, for information or hold or buy in order rec'd is a real option. I have rec'd replies from others to the effect that I was in line, and other than the disapointment of not being first, I don't feel in the least put out by this.

>
> > The internet is no different from a hamfest in this regard. If I told a
> > seller at a hamfest I was gonna think about a radio and come back in five
> > minutes, I wouldn't expect the seller to reserve the radio for me.

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> This is not an appropriate example. What would be more to the point is a
> prospective buyer asking the seller whether the radio works or not (or some
> similar question), and the seller then selling it to the guy beside you
> because he has the money in his hand.

Well I also must disagree with the "Internet no different than a hamfest",
at the hamfest I can see the item, I can ask the price right off and rec.
either a direct reply or detect BS/Scam in action (not that either are a
concern to me w/ BA FS postings) and act accordingly. Not so on the 'net,
while speed of mail exchange varies greatly (I assume I'm not the only one
on the list that may only get two deliveries a day) even with the fastest
link some one can slip in while you are reading/replying or what ever.

I think that one thing is clear, we all have our points of view on this.

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1+219.665.5072	Mirage Computers, Inc.	pamars@mirage.angola.in.us

"The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne." - Chaucer

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: Spencer Petri <spetri@e-tex.com>
Subject: Sources for BA projects
Message-ID: <m0ue1L3-0002GfC@e-tex.com>

The old red and black ARRL manuals are very good sources for tube type
projects. The Single Sideband, Mobile, and VHF manuals in various editions
are well worth looking for at hamfests, tailgate sales and friend's shacks.

73 de Pete WA5JCI

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: standard@pcs.mb.ca
Subject: Swan TV-2C, further too.....
Message-ID: <199607101638.LAA08919@pcs.mb.ca>

After getting some replies yesterday regarding the wiring of my transverter,
I checked it out a little closer last night. The power output cable is
missing, that's what the extra hole is for, and the fourth SO-239 is an
add-on! It appears that the unit has been rewired to use its own power
supply, but this concerns me because of the comment "the TV-2C supplies a
reduced B+ voltage to the 350".

The extra 50-239 is wired to pin 1 of the 12BY7 tube through a resistor and cap which is the cathode pin I think. Anyone know what this was for? There seems to be a lot of rewiring and empty terminal strip so I can only assume there's been a few hands in it over the years. I'll send away to Grace Brock (talked to her on the phone) for the schematic and then I'll go through the complete unit.

There's a 3 position crystal switch on the front panel however there is only one crystal mounted, a 38.6666 Mc, (my notes are at home) any ideas why 3 positions?

73

Gary VE4YH

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: tomrice@netcom.com (Tom R. Rice)
Subject: T-40 tubes: a can of worms.....
Message-ID: <199607101600.JAA28705@netcom14.netcom.com>

Well! I've been overwhelmed by the response to my T-40 post and frankly am in a bit of a quandary.

A lotta people want to have them as collectibles, but at least one person wants to use them in an actual rig. My feeling is that it's better to put them on the air while possible and pass them on to collectors after they no longer can function in their intended role. After all, a red-hot carbon plate is a sight to behold!

I gotta think some more about this, but, in the meantime, thanks to all the respondents for their input.

Actually, considering the lust for single-ended triode output stages in the glass audio world, maybe I should be looking at 150-watt output xfmr's ;-)

73 de WB6BYH

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"Start off every day with a smile and get it over with." --W.C.Fields
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: Sandra L Knepper <slkst29+@pitt.edu>
Subject: The New Collins Radio Exhibit
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9607100603.A28243-01000000@unixs2.cis.pitt.edu>

If you are traveling anywhere near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, this summer, you may want to visit the Linn County History Center at 101 Eighth Avenue, SE, in the city. The exhibit named "Steps Toward More Perfect Communications," will point up the value of Collins Radio Company and Art Collins to the local area and the world of Collins between 1923 and 1969. Photographs, print materials, equipment displays, audio recordings of historic radio transmissions, and other historical memorabilia will tell the Collins story.

The equipment that was in an earlier post will be on public display for all to see. No special invitations are necessary as the exhibit is open to the general public from 10 AM to 4 PM, Tuesdays through Saturdays until February 15, 1997.

I hope to visit the exhibit this fall. The private collection of Dennis Day, former Chief Engineer at Collins, including the KWM-5000, serial number 1, that was described in the post, will be on display. The exhibit was organized by the Cedar Rapids Radio Club and former employees such as Dennis and others.

Thought you would like to know.

Dave, W3BJZ
Publisher of the monthly Collins Journal

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: "Joseph W. Pinner" <kc5ijd@dns1.net-connect.net>
Subject: Re: wanted: instructions to modify a PRC10 from wide to narrow
Message-ID: <199607102136.QAA03142@dns1.net-connect.net>

>I would like to make my PRC10 legal on 6 meters by going from
>wide to narrow FM.

According to my chart, FM, wide or narrow (F3E) is authorized from 50.1 to 54.0 Mc.

Am I wrong about this?

73

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
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<j_evans@proxy.ENET.dec.com>
Subject: wanted: instructions to modify a PRC10 from wide to narrow FM
Message-ID: <9607101909.AA13681@us4rnc.pko.dec.com>

Greetings,

I would like to make my PRC10 legal on 6 meters by going from wide to narrow FM. Does anyone out there know how to do that? The manual I have has a schematic, but it's really a users manual, not a technical manual.

Jim N1HTS

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 21:18:03 1996
From: CADV16@aol.com
Subject: WTB: Electrovoice Components
Message-ID: <960710192106_573979814@emout17.mail.aol.com>

Looking for Electrovoice model 356 shock mount for 642 microphone or model 322 stand mount for same microphone. Please advise: Elliott Klein (602) 991-0575 or e-mail CADV16@AOL.COM Thank YOU!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jul 10 11:21:33 1996
From: Jack Harper <jharper@bs2000.com>
Subject: WTB: Hammarlund Keyer
Message-ID: <199607101408.IAA18832@lynx.csn.net>

Greetings and Felicitations Fellow Anchorites...

Does anyone know of the availability of a Hammarlund keyer?

